

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 28, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Floyd, RN
Amy Hooper, LPN
Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Andrew Turnage, Executive Director, Trades 2

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hooper moved, Floyd seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, August 25, 2016 Lockwood declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI161166 – Close the case.

RNI161155 – Close the case.

RNI161051 – Close the case.

RNI161205 – Close the case.

LPNI150314 – Refer to Legal Services for a hand serve request to appear for Investigative Interview.

RNI160641 – Refer to Investigations for a Department Of Labor Accurant search to obtain current address to hand serve MPE Order.

RNI130074 – Approve the request for an early termination.

RNI161208 – Close the case.

LPNI150568 – Refer to Investigations for a Department of Labor Accurant search to obtain current address. If located, send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients; Residents Rights.

LPNI150512 – Refer to Investigations for a criminal background check.

RNI170032 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Violation of Continuing Education.

LPNI170031 – Issue the license with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol/Drugs).

LPNI160383 – Issue the license.

LPNI160310 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RNI140661 – Send correspondence to licensee. Random drug screens must be performed by Dr. Carman. Must locate and enroll in aftercare program within 30 days. Must have completed random drug screen prior to September 30, 2016.

RNI160314 – Obtain additional information from treatment facility regarding substance abuse diagnosis.

LPNI160287 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, Naltrexone statement, overtime restrictions, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI170064 – Deny the application. May reapply after completion of Florida IPN program. Lockwood abstained.

LPNI150276 – Close the case.

RNI170056 – License with a Letter of Concern (Fraud).

RNI160861 – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI150106 – Consent order to start over with beginning date of June 1, 2016.

RNI170110 – Grant authorization

RNI161089 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, CE language and overtime restrictions.

RNI160745 – Refer to Investigations to obtain time sheets. Refer for Peer Review.

RNI160685 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a Summary Suspension.

RNI510279 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction. May petition to lift upon completion of Alabama Board of Nursing order.

RNI110535 – Grant early termination of probation.

Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 5:06 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**